

Lower Western Shore Tributary Team

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About the Watershed:

The Lower Western Shore Watershed drains approximately 270 square miles of land in portions of Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties along the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Larger water bodies in the basin include the Magothy, Severn, South, West, and Rhode Rivers. The watershed supports more than 70 species of fish, including striped bass, flounder, and bluefish. Jabez Branch, a tributary to the Severn River, is the only trout stream in Maryland's coastal plain. Land uses in the watershed include a combination of high density development in the north and forest and farms in the central and southern parts of the basin. Urban runoff and nitrogen from septic systems are high priority issues for the Lower Western Shore Tributary Team.



groups, watershed organizations, the business community, environmental groups, agriculture, and federal, state, and county governments. This diversity in representation leads to a wide variety of interests in the team's work efforts from notable successes in influencing policy to outreach and educational endeavors to hands-on projects in the water or on the land.

About the Team:

The mission of the Lower Western Shore Tributary Team is to reduce nutrient and sediment inputs and to restore habitat in the Lower Western Shore Watershed through community participation. The team is comprised of representatives from citizen's



The Lower Western Shore Team partnered and conducted four Wade - Ins in June, including one with the City of Annapolis, the Magothy River Association, the South River Federation, and the team's legacy event in Herring Bay.

Recent Accomplishments:

- ✳ Held Agriculture tour in September for 39 participants including elected officials, and county and Soil Conservation District representatives. Visited six farms in Calvert and Anne Arundel counties, in order to raise awareness of what farmers have done to implement BMP's and protect water quality and determine future challenges to sustaining Agriculture in the basin.
- ✳ In partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, held a canoe tour for 15 participants (Following Leave No Trace standards) in the Ray's Pond area of the Severn River to see first hand two generations of development, and the positive impacts of the Critical Area Law in Maryland.
- ✳ In partnership with the South River Federation, sponsored "The Second Annual South River Sojourn" for over thirty participants. The Event concluded with the South River Wade In, attended by Congressman Ben Cardin, and nearly 50

local residents. The Wade In was covered live by WNAV Radio.

- ✱ The Team sent a letter supporting the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Living Shorelines project at Holly Beach Farm.
- ✱ In October 2004 the Lower Western Shore Team held a Paddle and New Member Welcome at Ivy Neck Farm on the Rhode River.
- ✱ The Team assisted in advertising and participated in the “work day” at the Chesapeake Ecology Center in Annapolis...with tree planting and riparian area clean up on October 23, 2004.
- ✱ Working with Tributary Program Staff the Team conducted a Stakeholders meeting with Anne Arundel County Representatives on October 25, 2004.

For More Information:

For more information, contact Claudia Donegan, team coordinator, at 410-260-8768. You can also visit our website at www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/tribstrat/.



Team members and citizens help release baby terrapins at the Lower Western Shore 2003 Wade In at Herrington Harbor Marina in Herring Bay.

Team Members

Ginger Ellis, Chair, Anne Arundel County Government
John Colhoun, Vice-Chair, Ivy Neck Farm
Sean McGuire, State Contact, MD Dept. of Natural Resources
Linda Andreason, Shady Side Community
Earl Bradley, Sierra Club
David Brownlee, Calvert Planning & Zoning
Peg Burroughs, Chesapeake Environmental Association
David Correll, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
Bob and Eleanor Dickman, Herring Bay Clean Water Initiative
Subijoy Dutta, US Environmental Protection Agency
John Flood, Severn River Association
Catherine Ford, Broadneck Peninsula
Bud Jenkins, Magothy River Association
Drew Koslow, South River Riverkeeper
Zora Lathan, Chesapeake Bay Ecology Center
Anne Pearson, Alliance for Sustainable Communities
JoAnn Robinson, Crownsville Civic Assoc.
Doris Jean Spencer, Chesapeake Beach/Fishing Creek Association
Keith Underwood, Underwood & Associates
John Minnick, Anne Arundel USDA-NROS
Captain Walter Jacobs, Citizen
Marisa Whittlinger, City of Annapolis

Team Participants

Evan Belaga, Weems Creek Association
Janis Markusic, Anne Arundel County Government
Melissa Cook, McCrone Inc.
Irene Hantman, South River Federation
Charlotte Moreland, Edgewater
Gary Bojes, Epping Forest
Debbie Weller, Broadneck
Barbara Boward, Lusby

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